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1 Southgate Street,
London, Ontario,
December 3rd, 1963.

The Secretary,
The Ontario Committee on Taxation,
88 University Avenue,
TORONTO 1,
Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised that the Provincial Government intends to use public funds to support Roman Catholic Religious Schools, commonly known as "Separate Schools".

It is respectfully requested that the legislation, which permits this use of public funds, be submitted to me for perusal. It is my intention to make representation to the Provincial Government to have my portion of these funds diverted to another interest.

I am not a member of the Roman Catholic Church, I am not interested in supporting Roman Catholic Religious Schools but I am very much interested in my own church school. This school is called the Christian Education Centre, Calvary United Church, London, Ontario. It is my earnest belief that this church school should be entitled to the same fiscal allowances as similar schools of the Roman Catholic faith.

The Calvary United Church Christian Education Centre operates in a manner similar to a Roman Catholic (Separate) School. The teachers are dedicated christians, instructing youth in the Christian Faith. This school requires a great deal of money to function properly. Money is required for literature, equipment, research, building expansions and maintenance.

With regard to the above will you be good enough, Sir, to request the Committee on Taxation to advise me as follows: May I deduct that portion of my provincial tax assessment, which would normally go to the support of a Roman Catholic (Separate) School, and give it to the Superintendent, Christian Education Centre, Calvary United Church, London, Ontario. This is a serious and legitimate request and should be treated as such.

(Signed) Marshall Y. Smith

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